

BY THE MAIL.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.—Letters were received in this city yesterday from San Francisco, California, overland to the 24th of December, being the latest date from that quarter. They confirm the previous account of the immense quantities of gold there.

Emigrants had been pouring into the diggings from all quarters, and the writer thinks that judging from what he hears, at least one hundred thousand will have arrived by August next. Almost every one not engaged in gold digging was preparing to go to the mines in the spring. The present is the coldest winter known in California for fifty years. One hundred thousand bushels of wheat had rotted in California for want of persons to gather it.

While in San Francisco real estate had advanced five hundred per cent. within twelve months, in the Sandwich Islands it had fallen forty per cent. The latter islands are fast becoming deserted, and it was expected that after the whaling season is over every white man that can will leave for California.

As to the chances of obtaining the precious metal, the writer says:—"Parties can easily obtain from thirty to one hundred dollars per day, and some that I have seen obtained as high as three hundred dollars per day." Provisions were very plentiful, and were receding in price.

The writer, in speaking of the gold dust on board the United States ship Lexington, estimates the amount at from \$300,000 to \$500,000, and also reiterates the statement that it will be carried to Valparaiso and melted into bars before being brought to this country.

From the best judgement that can be obtained, not more than \$200,000 in gold dust, independent of the Lexington's, has been shipped for this country. Most of the gold dust is shipped to Mazatlan and Valparaiso, exchanged for silver, &c., and carried back to California to trade upon.—It is thought also that but little of the gold will reach this country for some time, as much of it will be shipped to London, to be there drawn up from this country.

A story is told of several young men of capital, who freighted a brig from the Sandwich Islands, with \$40,000 in specie, with which they purchased gold dust for about \$10 the ounce—thus netting \$20,000 to \$25,000 by the operation.

Boston Traveller.

CURIOUS INSURANCE CASE.—Two gentlemen of this city, whom we shall designate as Mr. K., and Mr. S., agreed to import together two cows from England, and Mr. K. was to have his choice in the event of their safe arrival. The cows were ordered, and Mr. S. as was his custom, wished to effect an insurance on his property, and desired Mr. K. to make a joint insurance with him. To this Mr. K. objected, saying he would stand his own underwriter. Mr. S. therefore proceeded to effect insurance and was told that he must designate one or the other of the cows on which the insurance should attach. He accordingly designated the elder of the two. On the arrival of the vessel it was ascertained that the elder cow had died. The question now arose how the remaining cow was to be disposed of. The parties could not agree and the question was submitted to a reference. It was decided that Mr. S. was entitled to the amount of insurance on the deceased cow and half the surviving cow.—*Boston Ad.*

LAW OF MARRIAGE IN NEW YORK.—A day or two since on the question being asked in the City Hall, on this subject, it was shown that collateral branches of a family can intermarry in this State. The only prohibitions are "marriages between parents and children, including grand parents and grand children of every degree, ascending and descending, and between brothers and sisters, of half as well as whole blood"—the principle to extend to illegitimate as well as legitimate children and relations. Should intermarriages or impropriety of conduct occur among the prohibitions thus mentioned it shall be considered incest, punishable by State Prison for a term not exceeding 10 years.—*Tribune.*

A CONSIDERABLE CONVERSATION was caused in Wall street, on Friday, by the absence of H. W. Olcott, one of the oldest and most esteemed members of the Stock Exchange. He has been brought back to the city, from New Jersey, where he was found wandering in the woods in a state of insanity. Upon his person were found eleven thousand dollars, being the receipts from various checks drawn and collected by him on Thursday.—*N. Y. Express.*

BENEVOLENCE.—The managers of the inauguration Ball, at Assembly Hall, after settling their bills found they had "little something left," and they appropriated the surplus as follows: To J. B. Smith colored man who provided the supper, and who had made but a very small profit by the contract, they gave \$50, and the balance amounting to \$160, to the Young Men's Benevolent Society.—*Boston Atlas.*

BOLD ROBBERY.—Mr. W. Barnett was knocked down on going out of his store at Savannah, night of 24th ult., by three ruffians, and robbed of a box containing \$400 and papers of value. A fellow calling himself Smith, who had been loitering round the store was arrested soon after, but nothing was found upon him.

COL. BRAGG.—Colonel Bragg, of Buena Vista celebrity, was at a private party in this city, one evening last week. Among the dessert, at supper, were some very fine green grapes, to which the Colonel for some time paid assiduous court. After awhile, however, he sought shy. This, a lady who sat near him, observed; and, raising the salver on which the favorite fruit was, and gracefully presenting it to the gallant Colonel, she said:—"A little more grape, Captain Bragg!"—*N. O. Delta.*

THE CALLED SESSION OF THE SENATE have been occupied in considering nominations. On Tuesday, the Committee on Gen. Shields' case reported a resolution declaring his election void, on the ground of his not being a citizen of the United States the required term for a U.S. Senator. Gen. Shields addressed the Senate, stating that it was his intention to submit, and to look to Illinois to reinstate him. He referred to the difficulty with Senator Breese, and denied before the Senate and before God, in his letter he had intended assassination. On Wednesday Gen. Shields tendered a letter of resignation. Mr. Webster said the gentleman had no power to resign. Thursday, the subject was disposed of, by passing unanimously, a resolution declaring Gen. Shields ineligible to his seat at the commencement of the term for which he was elected.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A man named D. D. Titus, was riding horseback on the railroad track about four miles west of Auburn, N. Y., on Tuesday, between one and two o'clock, A. M., when the train from the west came along, killing the horse and throwing Mr. Titus on the cow-catcher. He was probably either killed or rendered insensible by the fall, and was carried about two miles, when he fell off. His head was crushed almost to atoms, his arms torn off, and his body otherwise dreadfully mangled.

UNATTAINABLE GOLD.—The California Star of December 2d, says, that upon the Juba and Feather Rivers, "diggers" have been discovered where the gold is large and extremely beautiful, and quite free from sand and pebbles. The usual process of taking it, is by throwing up dykes and turning the water from its channel, or draining portions of the river's bed. In the eddies of the main stream it can be seen in great abundance, and at a depth of 25 or 30 feet in many places. At this aggravating distance it is quite harmless. Kanakas have dived with a desperation becoming pearl fishers but "no go;" the gold yet remains unfingered. We should think the newly invented diving bell might be used to advantage in such places.—*Bos. Trav.*

CUTTING IT SHORT.—A certain Barber of our town, having great gift of gab, used to amuse his customers with his long yarns, while he went through his functions on their heads and faces. One day an old codger came in, took his seat, ordered a shave and hair cut. The barber went to work and began at the same time, one of his long stories, to the no little dissatisfaction of the old gentleman, who becoming irritated at the barber, said—"Cut it short." "Yes Sir," said the barber, continuing the yarn until the old gent again ordered—"cut it short, I say, cut it short!" "Yes Sir," clipping away, and gabbling the faster—"Cut it short, cut it short, I say!" says the gent. "Yes Sir," says the barber, going on with his story. "Will you cut it short, blast you!" bawls the old gent in rage.—"Can't Sir," says the barber, "for if you look in the glass, you'll see I've cut it all off!" And to his horror, upon looking in the glass the old gentleman found his hair all cut from his head!—*N. Y. Times.*

BRITISH RETRENCHMENTS.—A London correspondent of the National Intelligencer says that the recruiting service in the army has been discontinued, and rumors are afloat that very considerable reductions in the staff appointments are contemplated.—Recruiting for the army is not to be commenced until the reduction of 10,000 men has taken place, upon principles laid down in an order lately issued by the Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Wellington.—Three thousand seamen are also to be immediately discharged from the navy. This looks like retrenchment in earnest.

BIRDS.—It is proved that a pair of sparrows, during the time they have their young to feed, destroy, on an average, every week, three thousand three hundred and sixty caterpillars. This calculation is founded upon actual observation. Two parents have been known to carry to their nest forty caterpillars in an hour; and, supposing the sparrows to enter the nest only twelve times during each day, they would cause a consumption of four hundred and eighty caterpillars; this sum gives thirty three hundred and sixty caterpillars exterminated weekly from a garden. But the utility of the birds is not limited to this circumstance alone, for they likewise feed their young with butterflies and other winged insects, each of which, if not destroyed in this manner, would become the parents of hundreds of caterpillars.—*Exchange.*

SINGULAR WATER WORKS.—The Jeffersonville (Va.) Democrat makes mention of a novel preparation for supplying the citizens of that town with water.—It says:—"The principle is somewhat like the telegraph, as follows: There are posts placed at a certain distance from each other, through which posts are projecting books, curved so as to hold a wire, and at such a distance from the posts as to let the bucket pass and repass without any obstruction. The bucket has rollers attached so that, with a light impelling force, it passes to the water, fills itself, and with a wheel at the extremity of the line that a child can turn with ease, is brought with rapidity to the required place. The price of \$25 for the first one hundred yards, and eight cents per yard for all over that distance."

DOCTORS IN ABUNDANCE.—We learn from the N. Y. Literary World, that at a recent meeting of the Academy of Medicine in New York, Dr. Manly stated that "at the present time, Doctors were made at the rate of from 1500 to 1600 a year, not for the benefit of the public or the profession itself, but for the benefit of the very men who made them doctors. There were forty medical colleges throughout the country, which gave diplomas, and at many of them there were but two and three professors—no clinical instruction whatever, and no practice of anatomy."

THE RIVER.—The alarm in consequence of the unusually high stage of the river, appears to be revived. The river is higher than ever known to be at this season of the year, and to one who is not used to see such stupendous and magnificent exhibitions as the Father of Waters now presents, the sight is calculated to inspire apprehension and awe. In many places the Levee on the line of the city is submerged, so as to render the approach to the shipping inconvenient; produce, as we notice, is also exposed to damage. But it is "the enemy in the rear" that is to be dreaded. The Levee at Carrollton is exposed, from the form of the river, to an immense pressure, and should an irruption occur at that place, either by a slide or crevasse, the danger to life and property might be imminent.

New-Orleans Bulletin of 26th.

CRIMINAL MATTERS.—In the municipal court, yesterday, Israel Dodge, who dodged into Mrs. Dorr's kitchen one evening, and stole a heap of silver spoons, was sentenced to 18 months in the state prison. William Patterson, musician, was sentenced to four months in the house of correction for indecent exposure on the common. He was one of the lodgers in the house of Joel Lawrence on the night when Mrs. Bickford was killed. John Cronan was fined \$25 and costs for an assault on a watchman. In the police court, Thomas Donahue, a boy, was sent to the house of correction for two months for stealing an overcoat. Thomas Bowler, whose arrest for another offence was mentioned in Tuesday's paper, was brought in again for committing a robbery on board the Martha Washington, and held to answer. Mary Tute, charged with being the accomplice of Horton in stealing \$800 from Joseph W. Bickford, who was on a spree in Ann street, was brought up and committed for trial. Owen Clancey, about 12 years of age, was fined fifty cents and costs, for stealing a smaller boy in the street and stopping his mittens, which he afterwards sold for four-pence. He had in his pocket a slung shot, showing the bent of his genius quite as much as the act of highway robbery of which he was convicted. Some burglars broke into the cellar of W. F. Otis's house, in Beacon street, on Monday night, and carried off several pairs of boots, a ham, and two cases of wine. Before withdrawing they made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the upper part of the house. On Monday evening, \$18 were stolen from the money drawer in C. H. Badger's store Blackstone street, while the clerk was bowing a customer out. On Monday night H. H. Munroe's shop, in Lexington, was broken into and robbed of cloths and garments to the amount of \$90.

Boston Post.

RARE FOSSIL.—A few days since, some men who were working upon our streets, broke a stone in two, in which was a beautiful purple flower, with some green leaves as fresh in appearance and as soft to the touch as though it had been grown in a greenhouse. The stone had been in our street for twelve years, but the flower was evidently in the stone when quarried. For aught we know, it is an antediluvian flower. It resembles the Hibiscus species, the leaf is more nearly the rose, but is not exactly like any flower now a native of this country, nor indeed, like any exotic cultivated here.

Eaton (Ohio) Register.

BREAKING INTO A "HELL."—The New Orleans Police, about ten days since, made a sudden descent upon a noted gambling house. The Picayune says:

Upon forcing the door, the scene that ensued beggars description. Some forty or fifty gentlemen who were present, merely for amusement's sake, we suppose, were thrown in utter consternation and dismay, and forthwith beat a rapid retreat; some by jumping through the glass doors, others by a dive out of the second story windows, and some by the balustrades, sheds and gutter spouts. It was about the "biggest scare" that has been on for some time.

In an adjoining room were found two highly interesting "Caballeros," ensconced in bed, apparently suffering all the pangs of some distressing malady; but on one of them inadvertently protruding a very suspicious looking foot from under the bed clothes, encased in a dirty "nullifier," the suspicions of the searching officers were at once aroused, and they concluded that the attack under which the invalids were evidently suffering, must have been very sudden. They were consequently uncovered, when it was found they had turned in all standing, which being rather unusual for sick folks, they were with others carried to the tombs.

EX-GOVERNOR SLADE, of Vermont, is delivering lectures in Chicago on the subject of Education in the West. The National Board of Popular Education of which Gov. Slade is the agent, has sent out to the West during the forty two years 110 school teachers, at a cost of about \$10,000, ninety-six of whom are now engaged in active duty. About \$8,000 of the above sum has been collected at the East, while the West, for whose benefit the enterprise has been undertaken has only contributed a little over \$2000. It is their intention to send about thirty additional teachers into the field in the Spring.

A NUMBER OF LADIES of Greenfield, (Mass.) the Gazette of that place says, partook of an inauguration supper at the Mansion House there, on Tuesday evening last, at which no gentleman were allowed to be present, not even reporters for the press. Consequently all their witty "sayings and doings" were lost to the public.—It is rumored, however, says the Gazette, that "Old Zack" was highly eulogized for the interest he has manifested for the ladies in recommending early marriages. After the speeches, toasts, &c., the fair assemblage "tripped the light fantastic toe" until about twelve o'clock, when they paid their bills and returned to their domicils.

MURDER AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Baronne street, between Julia and Girod streets, was yesterday afternoon the scene of one of the most horrible tragedies ever enacted in our city. The victim in the case was a beautiful girl about seventeen years of age, and is supposed to have been murdered by Joseph Bradley, captain of the schooner Friendship, who, after committing the deed, made an unsuccessful attempt upon his own life. Mrs. King, the landlady of the house in which the events occurred, says that Bradley and the girl had occupied apartments in her house about a month, passing as man and wife; that they were lying on the bed most of the time during the fore part of the day and when she went out.

She returned home about 2 o'clock, and soon after entering she heard a moan proceeding from Bradley's room. She went to the door, thinking one of them was sick, and opening it she saw Bradley lying on the floor in a pool of blood. She called a Mrs. Smith, who lives in the rear, and on coming back to the room saw that the woman was also lying on the floor dead. Some persons passing were immediately called in, and the police were sent for. Bradley was found to be living, and Dr. Meux was called in and dressed his wounds. He was at this time perfectly insensible, but became conscious before half past 4 o'clock, at which time the coroner arrived.

The scene presented in the room was the most horrible we ever looked upon. The girl with outstretched hands as if she had supplicated for mercy to the last, lay in one corner of the room, her hands, face and throat mangled in a most shocking manner and in another corner Bradley presenting scarcely a less ghastly spectacle.

A post mortem examination was held upon the body of the girl, when it was found that she had received five wounds, all apparently inflicted with a knife, two of them mortal. The jury of inquest after mature deliberation, brought in a verdict that the girl died of the wounds above described, inflicted as they believe, by the hands of Joseph Bradley. He was stabbed in the left side of the abdomen in different places, and his throat was pretty badly cut.

The cause which led to these terrible results is supposed to have been jealousy. The name of the unfortunate girl is Fanny Daley, but she has also been known as Fanny Young, and more recently as Mrs. Bradley. We believe she is a native of St. Louis, having been in New Orleans but about 2 years. We do not know how long she has been acquainted with Bradley, but we are informed that she has lived with him as his wife only about a month. Bradley is commander of the schooner Friendship, advertised for California, to leave last evening.

We learned that he put the girl on board a boat, a few days since, to send her to her friends in St. Louis, and that after going up as far as Donaldsonville she returned, with a determination to go to California with Bradley. A jealousy on the part of Bradley appears to have existed for several days, and we believe that a difficulty, which resulted in blows, took place on Saturday last.—*N. O. Pic. March 8th.*

One thing connected with the murder is suspicious. Bradley had provisioned the Friendship for a three years cruise, and had borrowed several sums of money on the credit of the voyage.—What those two facts may signify, is left open to discussion.

Bradley was a married man, and has a family in Connecticut. He was about 35 years of age.—His victim was only 17, but for some time had been well known both in St. Louis and New Orleans, as a prostitute.—*New Orleans Bulletin.*

GOLD DIGGING.—A wagish friend of ours who is bent on extracting some consolation from every misfortune dropped a quarter of a dollar in the snow and slush of one of the street crossings, a few days since. In the hopeless attempt to recover it, stooping down and thrusting his fingers into the slush, he was soon surrounded by quite a crowd, who demanded if he had lost any thing. The eye of the wag sparkled with pleasure, he about to get the worth of his quarter in fun.

"I dropped a gold eagle in this infernal puddle," and as I can't stop to search for it, I'll give the man who finds it five dollars if he will come down to my store,—and our wag gave his address and departed.—In less than ten minutes here were thirty persons washing for the gold.

The natives quietly dispersed, when one of them picked up the quarter. They knew they had been sold.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—A few days since, a man whose name we were unable to learn arrived here from New York, and rented a house in the neighborhood of Second and Phoenix streets, Kensington, and with his lady set up a small trimming store.—Affairs went on all correct for a while, when it became rumored that the lady was not the lawful participant of his domestic happiness, and truly enough the man's real wife arrived here yesterday afternoon from Baltimore. She watched the house for several hours, and having caught her betrayer she whipped him in a style that places all of Tom Hyer's pugilistic exhibitions in the shade. She afterwards gave the lady a lecture which excelled anything which can be found in Mrs. Caudle's vocabulary. How the matter is to finally terminate has not yet transpired.—*Phil. Bulletin.*

DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM.—The inmates of the house of Mrs. Binney, in Mount Vernon street, were a good deal startled Tuesday morning, by the announcement that one of the servants, named Abby Penock, a chambermaid, 17 years of age, had been found dead in her bed. It appears that she slept in the room with two other female servants. On the night previous to her death, she retired a little earlier than the other servants, who had not the least suspicion of her death until they went to the bed in the morning to awaken her.—She was lying with a handkerchief impregnated with chloroform pressed against the nostrils; and a bottle partially full of chloroform was found in the bed. A number of physicians were called in, who made a post mortem examination of the body.—Their opinion was, that she died by the imprudent use of chloroform, which caused congestion of the brain. It is stated that the deceased had once taken the chloroform while under a surgical operation, and that she expressed herself delighted with its effects, and said that she should like to take it often. She was a native of Keen, N. H., and bore an irreproachable character.

Boston Traveller.

NEWPORT MERCURY, NEWPORT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1849.

AN ADJOURNMENT of the citizens of this town, was held on Monday afternoon to take into consideration the report of the Committee on the Deposit fund, after some discussion the report of the Committee in favor of paying the General Treasurer the amount called for, was unanimously adopted, and the Town Treasurer authorized to procure the money wanted by a loan.

HON. ELISHA R. POTTER has been appointed by the Governor, School Commissioner in place of Mr. Barnard, resigned.

Among the appropriations in the Fortification bill, which passed at the last session of Congress, was \$40,000 for Fort Adams.

The steamer Crescent City, sailed from New York on Thursday for Chagres, with 338 passengers, among whom was the lady of Col. Fremont.

NEW YORK CITY TAX.—The tax bill of New York city for the next year is fixed at the enormous sum of \$3,100,000.

THE SOCIAL ASSEMBLY at Masonic Hall, on Monday evening last, was a brilliant affair. It was conducted in a manner highly pleasing to those assembled, and did great credit to the managers, Messrs. Swan and Davis.

"There were music and mirth in the lighted saloon;
The measure was merry,—our hearts were in tune,
While hand linked with hand, in the graceful quadrille,
Bright joy crowned the dance, like the sun on the hill,
And beamed in the dark eyes of many a belle,
But the strain of the ball-room we don't like to tell!"

TOBACCO AND CHURCH.—We have received from Wm. Goff & Co., an assortment of choice Segars and Tobacco. Our readers who use the need, will find at their establishment a great variety:—La Norma, Victoria, Pantella, El Sol, Principe, La Antiguada. Pressed and Steamboat brands together with a good assortment of Smoking and Chewing Tobacco. No 109 Thames street.

We have received from Messrs. J. Scott & Co., the North British Review for February. It is one of the best numbers we have seen,—it contains one of the most able Papers on Macaulay's History—which will doubtless attract much interest; besides it has several other articles, upon Chaucer,—upon Noel's book on the Union of the State, French Socialists, Niebuhr &c. It can be had of Tilly, the Newspaper Agent.

THE NEW VOLUME of the Philadelphia Saturday Gazette will begin in the first week of April; when this favorite family paper will be greatly improved. At that time it will be enlarged to mammoth size, and will thereafter contain one-fifth more matter than any weekly paper published in the United States.

HORN'S RAILROAD GAZETTE.—We have received the second number of a paper with this title, published in New York, which contains tables exhibiting all the principal rail road routes in the country.

THE MARRIAGE LOOKING GLASS.—This is the title of a beautiful little volume which has been sent us by Appleton, of Philadelphia. Our friends who are about getting married should buy one of them. Its contents are:—Introduction; Conjugal Felicity; Hastiness of Temper; Contradiction or Silence; The Last Word; The First Quarrel; On Cessation of Quarrelling; The Bride's first feeling of Despondency; Unhappiness shortly after Marriage; The Usual Causes of Disagreement; On Mutual Concession; Michelet's Remarks on Marriage; The Sudden Change of Habits; On the Bride Neglecting her Person and Attire; Mutual Confidence; Refinement of Ideas; The Cause of Domestic Misery; On the Choice of Friends; Regulation of Domestic Affairs; Mutual Respect; Unequal Marriages; Step-Mothers; Education of Children; Servants; Unexpected Company; Passion for Play; Hints for Marriage Happiness; Conclusion.

A VERDICT.—At the Berkshire Court of Common Pleas a young lady has recovered \$1570 damages of Horace Dewey her cousin and namesake, for breach of marriage promise and seduction.

The treasurer of the Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society acknowledges the receipt, from different sources, of \$1,744 91 towards the erection of a sailor's home in the city of Norfolk.

THE SWORDS voted by Congress to Major-Generals Butler, Twigg, Quitman, Worth, Henderson, and the heirs of the late General Hamer, have just been finished, and forwarded from the celebrated manufactory of Ames, from Springfield.—They cost \$9000.

HORACE VAUGHN made the past season one hundred barrels of wine from vines growing wild within a few miles of East Greenwich, R. I.

James Nanton, keeper of a sailor boarding house near the head of the Long wharf, New Haven, was committed to jail on Saturday evening, on a charge of having administered poison to a young man, which caused his death.

A young lady, respectfully connected in the town of Gouverneur, N. Y. took cedar oil, at the advice of her seducer, and died in a few minutes in great agony.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES have adopted a rule limiting the arguments of counsel to two hours. The rule goes into effect at the next term.

COMMUNICATION.

Messrs. Editors:

As the season for Lectures is passing and the course before the Mechanics' Association about being closed, I may perhaps be allowed to make a few remarks upon them, and to speak of their effect upon the community at large, as well as the Society before which they are delivered. A winter in Newport has always been considered a very dull and monotonous interval—a time when business and the quiet and excitement of summer having subsided, our people had little else to do but recount their past pleasures and successes; or lounging at some of the innumerable depots of candy, cigars, and oysters, (to speak of nothing worse) and stuffing and fumigating themselves till all sense and sentiment has evaporated; sigh for the return of life and activity and complain that their lot in life has not been placed in a more prosperous community. As though a man required no time for reflection, and all time not appropriated to business and physical action must of necessity be lost. As though retirement and repose from labor was not often the strongest incentive to intellectual activity, and if rightly employed has not always proved the favored season of spiritual as well as mental illumination. To correct this false impression and to regenerate the thoughts, tastes, and feelings of many who thus strangely throw away advantages which more prosperous communities do not so greatly afford must be the end and aim of those who would see our young men occupy an honorable position in life, and compare favorably with others who have been perhaps more fortunate in the circumstance of birth and early education. In this point of view, we hailed the first movement towards regular and continued lectures through the winter season as an auspicious omen for our ancient metropolis. We were pleased to hear that the first course before the association above referred had been the means of largely increasing their membership, and that the individuals belonging to it had the privilege of hearing without charge some of the finest efforts of men distinguished for their high literary attainments. And we are still more gratified with the course this season presented, in which taking a wider field and extending the series, our public have heard with general satisfaction some of the most able productions of men who are renowned through the length and breadth of this country, and some of them in other countries, for their high attainments, although we had never before known them except by reputation. The effect upon the Society has been to augment its numbers, till it has now strength within itself to do much for the benefit of working men, and by turning the attention of this class to the necessity of mental as well as physical application to excite them to renewed effort when absence of employment inclines them to repose, and having awakened in them a desire for improvement to place before them such books as will best effect this object. The influence upon the community has been equally satisfactory—calling the young from the social circle and from amusements which dissipate serious reflection they have entertained while they have instructed and those who attended them with a view to improvement have not been turned empty away. The constituent elements of true manhood, the incidents and impressions of foreign travel, the manifold wonders of nature and of art, the various relations of mind and of matter, and the laws to which each are subject, as well as the flower and poetry of literature, have been in turn set before us, by minds fully competent to their respective tasks; and when the censure and ridicule of those who cannot appreciate is silenced, the most intelligent, and those best entitled to consideration will not fail to acknowledge the benefit they have received, and the impression made upon society through this means will be felt and appreciated, when all feeble attempts to obliterate it are forgotten.

ENORMOUS CHEESE.—The London papers mention the arrival there of an enormous cheese. The milk of seven hundred cows was used in making it, and it weighs 1,474 pounds. It is thirteen feet in circumference, four feet and a quarter in diameter, and eighteen inches in thickness. It was made by Messrs. Austin & Stone, farmers of Austenburgh, Ohio, United States of America, and was offered for and obtained a prize in New York.

An arrival at New Orleans brings dates from Vera Cruz to the 19th. The papers are occupied with details of the measures adopted to put down the insurgents at Sierra Gordo. In all the engagements with the rebels the government troops were victorious. The Mexican papers complain of American armed forces taking possession of villages and towns in the neighborhood of Chihuahua, and say that it is a gross violation of the treaty of Guadalupe.

PARDONED.—Charles E. Leighton, the young man who was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the county jail for robbing the Post Office in Bangor, has been pardoned by President Polk. Leighton has been imprisoned one year and two weeks.

THE USE OF QUININE AT THE WEST.—A medical correspondent of the Surgical Mail, writing from the West, says:—Immense quantities of quinine sold would astonish an Eastern dealer. Five hundred ounces by one agent in a small village are often disposed of in a few days, in the larger towns from a hundred to two thousand ounces are uncommon sale by one house in from five to thirty weeks. In speaking of the fever, or fever and ague, as it is called, which this medicine is used, the same writer says, that though generally prevalent, in some seasons almost universal, (as 1823, when every person, man woman and child, were down with it,) yet the mortality, as compared with fevers at the East, is as one to fifty. When a man is seized with the chills, the physician prescribes grains of quinine in six equal doses, if he is very restless adds one eighth of grain of morphine to one of the powders, and in some cases, and generally in twenty-four hours, the patient is well. But without this invaluable medicine, the patient is down for weeks and even months.

ACROBATE.—On Tuesday evening at nine o'clock, says the Baton Rouge Gazette of the 24th ult., the citizens of our town were alarmed by a tremendous explosion that shook severely in many instances the houses and otherwise caused alarm. Some supposed it was an earthquake, others less affected by the concussion presumed that it was a piece of artillery. Upon inquiry it turns out to have been a meteor, that burst as it descended eastward from the zenith. It must have been of unusual size and brilliancy, as we were informed the heavens were for a considerable distance illuminated.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Monday morning, just as the first train had started at the Boston and Worcester Railroad depot, an Irishman with a pack under his arm, attempted to gain the forward car, but missed the rail and was struck by the next car and knocked down upon a parallel with the rail, and between it and a partition—a place just wide enough for his body. He urged close, and avoided the train, although it passed over his bundle.

Jesse D. Quantill, upon getting out of the State Prison, went to the hotel of Arthur Cowton, in Cumberland, Md., inquired for Mrs. Cowton, was shown to her room, where he attempted to murder her, but she was rescued, and he sent to jail. Mrs. Cowton was Quantill's wife, but obtained a divorce while he was in prison, and married Mr. C.

ANDREAS HALL, who was recently convicted in Troy, of the murder of Noah Smith and his wife, has made a full confession of the crime, and of the murder of a young man who was travelling with him two years ago. The youth had money in his possession—Hall pretended that he left him at Buffalo. Hall confesses also that he had set fire to buildings in Troy. In short, he has confessed himself a villain of the deepest dye.—*Albany Journal*.

BRIGHTON MARKET, Thursday, March 16. At market during the week, 500 Beef Cattle, 1400 Sheep and 678 Swine.

PRICES.—Extra \$7.25, First quality 6.50, 2nd 5.75, 3rd 5.00, 4th 4.25, 5th 3.50, 6th 2.75, 7th 2.00, 8th 1.25, 9th .50, 10th .25. Sheep 1.75, 2.25, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50, 6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 10.50. Swine—At wholesale, old Hogs 5c, Pigs 6c. At Retail 6c a 7c, as to quality.

MARRIAGES.

In Fall River, on Sunday last, Mr. NICHOLAS U. LYON, (formerly of this town,) to Miss MARIA LOUISA MOWRY.

DEATHS.

At South Kingston on the 28th inst, JEREMIAH N. PORTER, Esq., in the 81st year of his age, formerly a member of the Senate of this State.

In Portsmouth, on Sunday last, Mrs. JULIA, wife of Mr. Edward Anthony, and daughter of Benjamin T. Sheffield, of Middletown, aged 40 years.

In Providence on Friday, 9th ult, Mrs. FANNY METCAL, in the 63d year of her age.

At Bloomingrove, (N.Y.) March 14th, Rev. EMBERS MASON, in the 49th year of his age, son of the late Rev. Dr. Mason, of New York.

MERCURY MARINE LIST.

PORT OF NEWPORT.

ARRIVED.

SUNDAY, March 11. Bark Desdemonia, Mersey, fm Appalachicola for Providence.

Bark Triton, Luce, fm Mobile for Providence.—Spoke 3d, off Cape Hatteras, brig Callender, of this port, 38 days from Tobacco for New York—had been 28 days N. of Hatteras, supplied her with beef, bread, potatoes and oil.

MONDAY, March 12. Ship Medona, Ames, fm Appalachicola for Providence.

Brig Star, Titcomb, fm Norfolk for Fall River.

WEDNESDAY, March 14. Sch'r Empire, Penfield, fm Savannah for Providence.

Sloops Wm. Penn, Winslow, fm Bristol for New Bedford; Grecian, Barlow, fm Sandwich for New York.

MARINE MEMORANDA.

Off Sydney, in October—ship Geo Champlin, of this port—oil not stated.

Brig Random, Burdick, c'd fm Philadelphia for New Orleans on the 6th.

Brig John Balch, Melville, arr at Georgetown on the 28th ult.

Brig Algonquin, Smith, c'd at Baltimore the 8th for Charleston.

Brig Callender, of this port, fm Tobacco, arr at New York the 12th.

Brig Lisbon, Smith, of this port, was spoken 7th inst, 25 miles E. S. E. from Charleston light, 70 days out from Havana for Wilmington, in distress, having been run into by a bark.

Arr at New Bedford, 10th, ship Oregon, Wm. Penn, Pacific Ocean, 1900 bbls sp 600 wh oil, of and for Fairhaven.

Meteorological Diary, for Feb. 1849.

Thermo's	WINDS	General Aspect
Barom.	Direction	Weather.
1 24 33 36	SW	Cloudy Snow
2 24 33 36	SW	Cloudy Rain
3 24 33 36	SW	Clear Clear
4 22 34 32	SW	do do
5 31 36 27	NE	Snow Snow
6 15 35 30	NE	Cloudy Clear
7 14 30 13	NE	Clear Clear
8 05 24 30	SW	Clear Cloudy
9 18 28 18	SW	Clear Cloudy
10 09 20 20	SW	Clear Clear
11 20 16 16	NE	Cloudy Snow
12 08 26 12	NE	Clear Clear
13 18 28 12	NE	do do
14 05 28 12	NE	do do
15 02 24 07	SW	do do
16 02 24 07	SW	do do
17 08 22 14	NE	Clear Clear
18 13 24 14	NE	Snow Clear
19 05 22 07	NE	Clear Clear
20 03 24 15	NE	Clear Cloudy
21 14 35 30	NE	Clear Cloudy
22 27 37 28	NE	Cloudy Cloudy
23 26 36 28	NE	Clear Clear
24 26 40 32	NE	Snow Rain
25 30 42 34	NE	Cloudy Rain
26 30 36 32	NE	Cloudy all day
27 33 38 32	NE	do do
28 30 39 33	NE	do do
Mean average of this Month.		27 37
Mean do of February last year.		28 70
Mean do of Feb. 1847, the coldest Feb. in 32 years.		22 95
Mean do of Feb. 1828, the warmest Feb. in 32 years.		38 68
Mean do of 3 Winter Months this year.		30 69
Mean no of 3 Winter Months last year.		33 07

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The subject of to-morrow evening's lecture at the Unitarian Church, will be—*The English Translation of the Bible from Wyclif to King James, characterized and compared.* Service begins at 7 o'clock.

JOB PRINTING.—In its various branches, Executed with new and fashionable type, and on the most reasonable terms, at the **MERCURY OFFICE**, No. 123 Thames street.

Whig Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,
HENRY B. ANTHONY, of Providence.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
THOMAS WHIPPLE, of Coventry.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHRISTOPHER E. ROBBINS, of Newport.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
JOSEPH M. BLAKE, of Bristol.
FOR GENERAL TREASURER,
STEPHEN CALOONE, of Newport.
FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,
EASTERN DISTRICT,
GEORGE G. KING, of Newport.
WESTERN DISTRICT,
SYLVESTER G. SHEARMAN, of N. Kingstown.

Democratic Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,
ADNAH SACKETT, of Providence.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
JOHN D. AUSTIN, of South Kingston.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
LEVI SALISBURY, of Providence.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
HORACE A. MANCHESTER, of Providence.
FOR GENERAL TREASURER,
NATHAN HAMMETT, of Newport.
FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,
EASTERN DISTRICT,
FENNER BROWN.
WESTERN DISTRICT,
BENJAMIN B. THURSTON.

Free Soil Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,
EDWARD HARRIS, of Cumberland.
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
JACOB D. BABCOCK, of Hopkinton.
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
SAMUEL R. JACKSON, of Providence.
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
CHARLES HART, of Providence.
FOR GENERAL TREASURER,
ROBERT R. CARR, of Newport.
FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,
EASTERN DISTRICT,
JOHN BOYDEN, Jr., of Cumberland.
WESTERN DISTRICT,
LAURISTON HALL, of Coventry.

TO LET,

And immediate possession given.
THE lower part of the Gamell House, situated on Spring street. For further information apply to **P. P. REMINGTON.** March 3, 1849.

Guardian's Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been appointed Guardian of **ISAAC C. WILBOUR**, a minor, of Little Compton, and has accepted of said trust and qualified himself according to law. He therefore requests all persons having demands against said Isaac C. Wilbour, to exhibit the same to him within six months from the date hereof, and those indebted to make immediate settlement with him. **JOHN B. HOWLAND**, Guardian. Little Compton, March 5, 1849.

TO LET

and possession given on the 25th March.
2 LOTS of land situated on the Hill, south of the Ocean House, containing about 25 acres. If they are not let by the 20th of March, they will on that day be let at Public Auction at 10 o'clock, A. M. For further information, apply to **PETER P. REMINGTON.** Newport, March 3, 1849.

"SOW THAT YOU MAY REAP."

MURRAY HOUSE,
CORNER OF PELHAM & CORNESTREETS.

WILL be opened for the reception of company on the first of April, by the subscriber, (under the direction of Mrs. Murray.) He begs leave to assure its former patrons and the public, that no exertion will be spared to sustain its present reputation. **WILLIAM B. WILSON.** Newport, March 17, 1849.—dm.

NEW BONNETS.
JUST RECEIVED at JAMES HAMMOND'S, and for sale by **MISS RODMAN.** March 17, 1849.

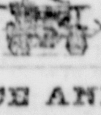

WANTED
TO HIRE IMMEDIATELY.
5,000 DOLLARS FOR THE TOWN OF NEWPORT. Apply to the Town Treasurer, **GEORGE FREEBORN.** March 17, 1849.

To Let Furnished.
FOR the Summer months, the House next West of the residence of Gov. Gibbs, in Mill street. For terms enquire of **CHARLES SHERMAN,** South Market. March 17, 1849.—4w.

TO LET,
THE COTTAGE in Kay st., now occupied by the Rev. Henry Jackson. For terms &c., apply to **SAMUEL ENGS.** Newport, March 17, 1849.

Farm for Sale,
ON FAVORABLE TERMS, the Brown farm, (so called,) on Rhode Island, containing about 50 acres, situated near the Bristol Ferry. There is a flourishing orchard of choice fruit on the premises. The right of mining under the farm will be reserved. Apply to **THOMAS HOLMAN**, at the Coal Mine Farm, or to **SANFORD DUFFEE,** Agent Aqueduct Coal Co. March 17, 1849.—6t.

THOMAS COGGESHALL,
(SUCCESSOR TO SAMUEL T. HOPKINS.)
Painter, Glazier, and Dealer in Paints, Oil, Glass, Potash, &c.
—Constantly on Hand—
AT THE OLD STAND 144 THAMES ST. NEWPORT, R. I.
PAPERING,
Particularly attended to.
March 17—4w.

Look out for the  when the Bell Rings.
CHOICE AND FRESH
GROCERIES
per Sloop **RIENZI,**
from  New York.
NEXT WEEK.

WILLIAM NEWTON,
will receive at his spacious Grocery establishment during the coming week, the largest and best assortment of GROCERIES ever offered in this place, and at prices lower than ever before known.
Look out for great bargains at the **EMPORIUM, 98 & 100 Thames street.** Newport, March 17.

Court of Probate, Little Compton, March 12, 1849.
At this Court Samuel T. Burgess, Executor to the last will of **THOMAS BURGESS**, late of Little Compton, dec., applied for notice of settlement of his second and final account as Executor aforesaid with this Court.

It is ordered that the settlement of said account be attended to at a Court of Probate to be held at the office of the Clerk of said Court in said Little Compton, on Monday the 9th day of April next, at one o'clock P. M. and that legal notice of the same be given by inserting a copy of this order in the *Newport Mercury*, for three successive weeks, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place and object to the allowance of the same by the Court.

Witness,
OTIS WILBOR, Probate Clerk.
EXECUTORS NOTICE.
THE subscriber Executor of the last Will and testament of **ASA SHAW**, late of Newport, deceased, hereby gives public notice that he has accepted that trust. He therefore requests all persons having claims against said estate to present them for settlement, and all persons indebted to make immediate payment. **GEO. C. SHAW**, Executor. Newport, March 17, 1849.—4w.

NEW AND ELEGANT
Paper Hangings,
BORDERS,
PRINTED WINDOW SHADES,
In all their variety, just opened and for sale at the very lowest prices, by
WM. C. COZZENS & CO. March 17, 72 Thames street.

At a Court of Probate of Newport, holden by adjournment, March 13, 1849.
An instrument in writing dated August 13th, 1848, purporting to be the last will and testament of **JOHN KEARNS**, late a Sergeant in Company H, 3d Reg't of Artillery of the U. S. deceased, and an instrument in writing dated August 18, 1848, purporting to be the last will and testament of **JAMES DOYLE**, late a member of said company H, dec'd, and an instrument in writing purporting to be the nuncupative will of **BARTHOLOMEW WALSH**, late a soldier in company B, of said 3d Reg't of Artillery, were severally presented to this Court, for Probate, and for letters of administration severally, with said will annexed, to be granted thereon, the same are received and referred for consideration to a Special Court of Probate to be holden at the Clerk's Office of this Court, on Monday the 9th day of April next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and previous notice is ordered thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested, in said several wills, may appear at said time and place and be heard.

B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk, Newport, March 17, 1849.—tf.

CLOTHING.

New Fashionable Styles for Spring.
OREGON
CLOTHING STORE
Next North of the Custom House.
WE HAVE just completed manufacturing one of the most tastefully arranged stocks of Ready made Clothing ever offered to the public. Our stock is large and our goods all fresh and new, having been selected from the best Foreign and Home fabrics, at the LOWEST PRICES, which enables us to offer clothing at almost HALF THE USUAL COST. If those who are in want of Clothing will look through our stock, they will find

SPLENDID BARGAINS.
In addition to the above large stock of Clothing, we have purchased in Boston this week, a very large assortment of Furnishing Goods, of every description, usually kept in a Clothing Store. These goods shall be sold low for cash. Counts of a hundred kinds we have. Such ones we know would suit you well! The most fastidious have bought. And praised them high and so they ought. We have on hand upward of 4000 pair of pants, Of Doe Skins, Broadcloth and cassimere, More kinds than we can tell you here, There's not a form however poor, To which they can't impart a cure.
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.
Such as Round Jackets, Sack Jackets, Sacks, Tunics, small frocks, fancy caps, childrens belts, TRUNKS, VALISES & CARPET BAGS.
An unusual large assortment bought in New York and Boston, which shall be sold at lower prices than ever offered.

HATS AND CAPS.
We have just received our spring styles of Hats and Caps of the latest patterns and made to our order and adapted in shapes and prices to the wishes of the purchaser and his pocket.
"Cassidy lies the head that wears the crown."
The most anxious and disturbed brain will be restored to perfect calmness by wearing one of our New York Hats. [Mch. 17.]

List of Voters of the Town of Newport.

THE Town Council of Newport, on the 14th day of March instant, agreeably to notice given, corrected the lists of voters for this town, and have posted up said lists so corrected, in the Town Clerk's Office, at the Post Office, at the upper and lower Markets, at Vars' and Hazard's Hotels, and at Charles Greene's Store on the Point, and will meet on Monday the 24th day of April next, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Town Hall in Newport, to further correct said lists, as the law directs; persons entitled to vote whose names are not on said lists, are requested to give timely notice, that they may be put in, or they cannot vote at the annual town meeting in April next. **B. B. HOWLAND,** Council Clerk. Newport, March 17, 1849.

Cheap Carpets.
A FEW pieces of new patterns—cheap all wool Carpeting—just received by **WM. C. COZZENS & CO.** March 17.]

At a Town Meeting of the town of Newport, holden by adjournment on Monday, March 12, 1849, the following Resolution was submitted for the consideration of the electors of said town qualified to vote thereon, by the Hon. Henry V. Cranston:—

WHEREAS, the debt of the town has been gradually increasing for a number of years, until it amounts at present, to nearly thirty thousand dollars; and whereas, it is desirable and due alike to the honor and best interest of the town, that the confidence of the holders of that debt, should remain unimpaired and unshaken, both as to the safety and consequent availability at all times, and under all circumstances, of every dollar due to them from the town; and whereas, the best and only sure mode in which that important and most desirable object can be secured, is by promptly adopting the most efficient measures, such as are always resorted to by all well regulated communities, to ensure the gradual liquidations, and the ultimate payment of the debt, within some reasonable period; and thus also to save our posterity from the gross injustice of being compelled to labor to pay the debts of their ancestors;
Therefore, voted and resolved, That for the three years next ensuing, there ought to be raised by taxation, in addition to the ordinary annual tax, the sum of three thousand dollars, annually to be specifically pledged, and annually applied toward the payment of said debt; and that at the expiration of said three years, there ought to be raised in the same mode, every succeeding year, the sum of two thousand dollars, to be appropriated and applied, as aforesaid until the debt shall be wholly paid off.
The above was read, received and referred for consideration to the annual Town Meeting to be held the first Wednesday in April next; and it is ordered that the same be published previous thereto, in the newspapers in this town once a week. True Copy.
B. B. HOWLAND, Town Clk. Newport, March 17, 1849.

APPRAISER'S NOTICE.
THE subscriber having been appointed by the State estimate committee, of Rhode Island, Appraiser of the town of Newport, and having been authorized, qualified and directed to make an estimate of all property rateable in said town, hereby gives notice to all concerned that he is ready to receive under oath or affirmation, particular and exact lists or schedules of all their rateable property, annual income or productiveness and actual value of the same, and said persons are hereby required (if they see fit) to render and give in to the said appraiser said lists or schedules within ten days from this date or otherwise to abide by the appraisement which may be made by said appraiser. **DANIEL C. DENHAM,** Appraiser of the town of Newport. March 17.

The Old State Debt.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
THE Committee appointed under the authority of the hon. General Assembly to investigate and report upon the OLD STATE DEBT, hereby give notice unto all whom it may concern, that the committee will meet at the State House in the City of Providence, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 27th, 28th and 29th days of March, inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of receiving from the holders thereof, certificates, notes, or other evidences of debt upon which payment is claimed; together with a fairly transcribed copy of each claim exhibited. **GEORGE TURNER,** Chairman. Newport, March 17, 1849.

Assignee's Notice.
HORATIO N. CORDER, of East Greenwich, late of Newport, has this day, March 8, 1849, made an assignment to me, of all his estate and effects, especially his books, notes, and book debts, for the benefit of his creditors. All persons, therefore, having claims against said Corder will present them to me, the subscriber, at my office on Prospect Hill Street, or to **CHARLES C. STEVENS**, Rhode Island Union Bank, and those indebted to him will make payment to me. **JAMES STEVENS,** Assignee. Newport, March 17, 1849.—tf.

Trees, Vines, Shrubs &c. EAGLE NURSERY

GRANTSTON, R. I.
THE subscriber has for sale at his Nursery in Grantston, R. I., a very large collection of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Vines, Shrubs, &c., among which are a large stock of European Red Berried Mountain Ash Trees of good size, suitable for front yards, streets, &c., Fruit Trees of all kinds, Evergreen and Ornamental Trees of all kinds and sizes. Vines and Shrubs of all descriptions. Asparagus roots, Currant and Gooseberry Bushes, Grape Vines, Rose Bushes, Honeyuckles, &c., for particulars see catalogue, which may be had of the agent in Newport, by whom all orders will be received and promptly attended to. **SILAS MOORE.**
CHARLES N. TILLEY, Agent, Newport. Orders left at this office, at B. J. Tilley's News office, or with the agent in Mill Street, Newport, March 17, 1849.—6w.

Carpet Warps.
WHITE and all colours Carpet Warp—for sale by **WM. C. COZZENS & CO.** March 17,

Court of Probate, Newport, holden March 4, 1849.
THE guardian of **JOHN B. CLARK**, of Newport, (a person of full age,) presents an additional list of claims of creditors against the estate of his said ward.
The same is read, received and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in April next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks, in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place and be heard.
B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Newport, holden March 5, 1849.
THE Administratrix on the estate of **JAMES L. LANGLEY**, late of Newport, dec., presents her final account on said estate for allowance.
The same is read, received and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in April next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested, may appear at said time and place and be heard.
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Court of Probate, Newport, holden March 5, 1849.
AN instrument in writing dated Dec. 26, 1848, purporting to be the last will and testament of **LUCY S. SMITH**, late of Newport, single woman, dec., is presented for Probate and for letters testamentary to issue to Sally Smith, sole Executrix therein named. The same is referred for consideration to a Court of Probate, to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in April next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given by advertisement for three successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place, if they see fit, and be heard.
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B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, Newport, holden March 5, 1849.
PELEG PECKHAM, makes application in writing that he may be appointed Administrator with the will annexed on the estate of **GEORGE HAZARD**, formerly Mayor of the City of Newport, dec., stating that the executor and executrix of said will are all deceased, without having fully administered on said estate.
The same is read, received and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate, to be holden at the Town Hall in Newport, on the first Monday in April next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and notice is ordered to be given thereof by advertisement for 3 successive weeks in the *Newport Mercury*, that all persons interested, may appear at said time and place and be heard.
B. B. HOWLAND, Probate Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

THE Commission heretofore ordered by the Court of Probate, on the estate of **ALEXANDER BARKER**, late of Newport, represented insolvent, for receiving and examining the claims against the said estate is re-opened, and the time extended for two months from March 6th, for said creditors to bring in their claims, in consequence of the death of Hanson Hull, one of the commissioners, and the appointment of Augustus Bush, to supply his place. The Commissioners will meet on Monday afternoon, the 30th of April, at the house of Edward T. Allen, at 2 o'clock, P. M.
GEORGE FREEBORN, **EDWARD T. ALLEN,** **AUGUSTUS BUSH,** Com'rs. March 10.

TO LET,

And possession given on the 1st of April.
THAT well known estate in Broad street, near the State House, now occupied as a Boarding House, by George W. Stanhope, and formerly for many years by Joseph Fish. It contains about 20 Rooms, with a Cook House, and every necessary convenience. The House is in good repair, and its location will be found very convenient for travellers or persons having business with the Courts or the General Assembly. It will be leased for one or more years. For further particulars and terms apply to **JOSEPH ANTHONY.** Newport, March 10, 1849.

TAXES!! TAXES!!
THE subscriber hereby gives notice that the TAX assessed July 1848, must be paid on or before the 25th day of April next. All taxes remaining unpaid at that date, will be collected as the Law prescribes in such cases, with all necessary expenses. I shall be at my office No. 213 Thames street, three doors below the Perry Factory, from 10 o'clock A. M. until 1 P. M., and at 3 o'clock P. M., until 7 o'clock. **OLIVER READ,** Collector of Taxes. Newport, March 10, 1849.

TO LET.
THE Slocum House, situated on Thames st., next south of the residence of Wm. C. Cozzens, Esq.—For information apply to **PETER P. REMINGTON,** Agent. Newport, March 10, 1849.

JUST PUBLISHED.
TRANSCENDENTAL PHILOSOPHY OF SPACE AND TIME, by G. A. Hammett, M. D. For sale at the Bookstores of C. E. Hammett, Jun., and W. A. Barber.

WILL BE SOLD at Public Auction on THIS DAY, the 17th of March, at 11 o'clock A. M., in front of the U. S. Hotel, 20 Shares of the capital Stock of the R. I. Union Bank.

Stock at Auction.
To be sold at Public Auction on MONDAY next, the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Bailey Farm, on Coggeshall's neck, (if fair, if not the next fair day):—
TWO YOKE of Oxen; 3 Cows; 1 Horse; 2 Ox Carts; 2 Waggon; 1 stack of Hay, with a variety of useful Farming utensils. Conditions at the time and place of sale. **JEREMIAH GOODSPEED,** Auc'r. Newport, March 17.

FARM TO LET.
Will be let at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 20th

Corbett's Unrivalled

—COMPOUND SYRUP OF—

SARSAPARILLA.

THE subscribers having purchased of Dr. Corbett, of Shaker Village, Canterbury, N. H., the exclusive right for the sale of this invaluable preparation, now offer the same to the public under the amplest testimonials as to its signal and efficacious qualities. It stands unrivalled in cures of almost inveterate cases of Scrofula, and all diseases of the Blood.

It also by its powerful alterative qualities, securely and permanently effects a full restoration of health in cases of Chronic Inflammation of the Digestive Organs, Dyspepsia or Indigestion, Jaundice, Weakness and Soreness of the Stomach, Salt Rheum, all Cutaneous Eruptions, Erysipelas, &c. &c.

The fact is well established by medical writers, that Phthisis, Pulmonary Consumption, a disease most fatal in this country, most generally originates in a scrofulous state of the system. Diseases of the Liver and Affections of the Biliary Secretions often originate with persons of Scrofula taint. But before such diseases can be mitigated or arrested, this Scrofulous Diathesis must be removed. This the present preparation is warranted effectually to do.

The formula was laid before the New Hampshire Medical Society, and was approved. And the celebrated Dr. Twitchell, of Keene, N. H., who has personally tested its virtues, and approves and prescribes this medicine in his general practice, pronounces it.

THE BEST PREPARATION OF SARSAPARILLA EVER KNOWN.

and cordially affords its full commendation.

It is not the design or purpose of the Originator or the Proprietors of this medicine to attempt to bring it into notice or repute by publishing accounts of extraordinary cures it has effected, or the great relief and benefit which hundreds and thousands have realized from its use.

Well it is known that the public are satisfied with flaring advertisements, and extravagant and even false statements of the wonderful effects of certain medicinal preparations. But the proprietors rely upon the

MERITS OF THIS MEDICINE ALONE

to bring it into general use.

The Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, as prepared by Dr. Corbett, of the Shaker Society, Canterbury, N. H., the committee have carefully examined. It comes sustained by the names of the most distinguished physicians in the country; and from a knowledge of its component parts, the committee cannot but express their full belief as to its efficacious qualities. The ingredients entering into its composition are of such a highly useful and alterative quality, that the committee willingly pronounce it the best preparation of Sarsaparilla Syrup yet known; and as such, think it deserving of a Diploma.

(Signed by)

JOHN W. WARDEN, M. D., Professor of Chemistry in Harvard College.

MARTIN GAY, M. D., Chemist, Boston.

Its virtues have been tested through a process of years in every form of Scrofulous Affections, &c. And it is designed as a permanent, substantial and Standard Medicine, and may always be depended upon by the Medical Faculty and all others, to be just what it purports to be.

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Price 34 cents per box, containing 30 Pills.



The great superiority of "Roberts' Compound Sarsaparilla Pills," over all other preparations of Sarsaparilla and Pills, is their concentrated form, and

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The proprietor experienced for several years to obtain from the root a solid extract, which should possess all its valuable properties in their most concentrated form, which he combined into the form of Pills, and has used them in his practice with the most astonishing success, and, of the suggestion of many friends, he now offers them to the public at a price which makes them the cheapest medicine in the world, with full assurance that they will be found to be the best medicine prepared.

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They are a purely vegetable compound, and may be used by persons of all ages. They are pleasant to the palate, and produce no nausea, uneasiness or griping in their operation. Hundreds of certificates could be given of persons who have used them with the greatest benefit. Purchasers will be particular to ask for "Roberts' Compound Sarsaparilla Pills," and observe that the signature of J. ROBERTS, M. D. No travelling agents appointed.

All applications for Agencies, and letters on the subject of the Medicine, must be addressed (post paid) to C. P. Fay, New York City, General Agent for the United States, British and West India Provinces.

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Aug 9th.

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CLOSING OF WINTER STOCK.

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REDUCTION OF PRICES,

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CHEAP CASH SHOE STORE,

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HAVING on hand, a large assortment of Thick Boots, also Gentlemen's and Ladies' Masters, Misses, and Children's Trowsers of all kinds; and wishing to reduce them down, preparatory to getting in my spring stock, I offer them at very low prices for CASH.

GEORGE H. NORMAN.

Newport, January 27.

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WHICH he recommends with the greatest confidence, being fully persuaded that the just and universal satisfaction and he assures the public, that they need not fear either to use or recommend them, as they are perfectly safe, and will in an eminent degree, perform all that is stated in the directions accompanying each article—they consist of—

JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT for coughs, colds, consumption, asthma, bronchitis, croup, &c.

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JAYNE'S CATHARTIC PILL, for Summer complaints or diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera morbus, cramps, cholice, and derangement generally of the stomach and bowels.

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JAYNE'S HAIR TONIC, for promoting the growth of the hair, giving it a rich glossy appearance and removing scurf and dandruff.

JAYNE'S HAIR DYE, for changing the hair from any other color to a beautiful Auburn or perfect jet black, without staining the skin.

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July 6.—19.]

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Popular and Useful Hand-Books.

GEO. S. APPLETON,

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HAS just published a series of popular Hand-Books of Useful Knowledge, in twelve volumes, which should be in the hands of every Lady and Gentleman throughout the country.—Each volume contains in a condensed form as much information as one will find in a stout quarto. The price of these volumes will place them within the reach of every one, being only 25 cents each. The sale of these works has already reached 30,000 copies, and the publisher confidently believes that many hundred thousand may be sold during the present year. The following are the subjects of which each volume treats generally:—

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THE FINEST Companion: a hand-book of Games for evening amusement.

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THE CHESS PLAYERS' Hand-Book. Containing a full account of the best mode of playing the game.

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THE LOVER'S Companion.—a hand-book of Courtship and Marriage; containing complete directions for young Ladies and young Gentlemen.

THE MARRIAGE Looking Glass: a hand-book for newly-married Couples. By the Rev. S. C. Boone.

The space of an ordinary advertisement is too limited to give more than the titles of the above elegant manuals. They will be found to contain information useful to every member of the human family. The press throughout the country have given warm commendations of the merits of each volume, which the Publishers intend publishing at the end of each work. The books are bound in fancy muslin with gilt sides and edges, many of them being elegantly illustrated.

Persons at a distance can have any one of these volumes forwarded by mail by remitting 25 cents. Five will be furnished for \$1—and the complete set of 12 for \$2. The letters enclosing remittances must in all cases be paid.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1849.—6w.

COMMISSIONER'S AND ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate of the town of Newport, commissioners to receive and examine the claims against the estate of

HENRIETTA ELLERY,

(a person of color,) late of Newport, dec., represented insolvent, hereby give notice that six months from this date, are allowed the creditors of said estate to present and prove their claims, and that we will receive claims at our respective dwellings, and hold a final meeting at the house of Isaac Rice, on Tuesday, the 31st of July next, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of examining and deciding on the said claims.

ISAAC RICE, ROBERT WATSON, Comm'rs.

ASA E. BABCOCK, Comm'r.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

SAMUEL B. VERNON, Adm'r.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE Subscribers having been appointed Administrator, (with will annexed,) on the estate of MARY PENROSE, late of Newport, dec. Requests all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims to present them for settlement.

SAMUEL ENGS, Administrator.

Newport, January 6, 1849.—6w.

CALICOES

in great variety, from 8c to 12½c—also, Remnant Calico, very cheap, by

WM. C. COZZENS & CO.

Feb. 10.]

Farm For Sale,

THAT VALUABLE and pleasant FARM, about three miles from Newport on the West road, leading to Bristol Ferry, in Middletown, containing about one hundred acres of first quality and highly cultivated tillage land, with two good dwelling-houses, out kitchen, wood house, milk room, ice house, carriage house and stable, crib, and several other small buildings. The whole Farm is walled in from 3 to 8 acre lots, with two orchards, a large garden, and about one acre of land on the west shore below the farm, bought for the purpose of taking sea-weed and sand for the use of the Farm. For terms of payment, which will be liberal, apply to

STEPHEN T. NORTHAM,

Aug. 5, 1848.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE subscriber having been appointed Administrator on the estate of

JACOB SHERMAN,

late of Middletown, dec., and having qualified himself as the law directs, hereby requests all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same for settlement, and also all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to

ISAAC A. SHERMAN, Adm'r.

Middletown, Feb. 15, 1849.

GLOVES & HOSE.

THE subscribers offer to the attention of their customers the following variety of seasonable articles in the above line, many of them different from the old style, and all at very moderate prices, viz:—

Ladies Cashmere Gloves; Fleecy Silk do; Beaver do; Beaver riding do; Ladies' black Vienna Hose; Worsteds do; thick brown cotton do; Gentlemen's Wool Gloves for driving; do Beaver do; Gentlemen's White Cashmere gloves, stout and warm; Fleecy cotton do; black, white, and cold Kid Gloves.

ET Their stock of Alexander's and Cheilley's Kid Gloves is also unusually complete.

F. LAWTON & BROS.

Fashionable Clothing,

At the Great

OREGON

CLOTHING STORE

HIS extensive establishment offers rare bargains in

Fall & Winter CLOTHING,

at wholesale and retail. The proprietors can say that for cheapness and quality of Goods they claim superior advantages;—while individuals wishing a single garment shall be most satisfactorily accommodated.

OVERCOATS of the finest quality and most delicate shades, at greatly reduced prices.

PANTS—a large and extensive lot at the lowest prices. Also, Vests of every quality, shade and color—fashionably cut, and well made.

HATS and CAPS—a great variety, cheap.

Furnishing Goods,

Of every kind, at such prices as were never before offered!

In addition to our large stock of Clothing, we shall keep a very large assortment of Travelling Trunks, both single and double tops; Valises, Carpet Bags &c. To this branch of our business we shall pay particular attention.

We now offer our stock to the people of Newport from 20 to 30 per cent from former prices.

Having a long experience in the business, and knowing the quality and worth of Goods,—we are confident that we can suit the most particular. Please call at the

OREGON

Clothing Warehouse!!

Corner of Thames & Franklin Streets.

J. M. & S. HAMMETT, Proprietors.

Newport, Sept. 30, 1848.

REMOVAL,

MON MOFFITT having removed his depot to SHERMAN STREET, about 8 rods South east from his former location, keeps constantly a variety of Window Frames & Sashes,—glazed and unglazed; Blinds and Doors,—of various sizes. He also manufactures Lock Sashes, of a superior kind, strength and durability.

Having fitted up his shop in first rate order, he is able to turn out large or small JOBS with neatness and dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms. All those in want of such work, are respectfully invited to call and see for themselves.

N. B.—Building and Repairing particularly attended to.

Newport, Oct. 1, 1848.—4f.

—TO EVERY—

MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD.

DR. WILEY'S COUGH CANDY has been long and favorably known as an invaluable remedy for Coughs, Colds, and all diseases arising from these causes.

EVERY FAMILY throughout the country should always have a package on hand. Those who have used it are never without it. Give it a fair, judicious trial—we ask no more.

Neal's Saturday Gazette of December 2, 1848, (one of the best weekly papers,) has the following in its columns:—

Dr. WILEY'S CELEBRATED COUGH CANDY.—Now is the season of coughs and colds, when public assemblies are so frequently disturbed by the "bark" of some suffering individual, we deem it rather an act of charity to direct to any alleviation of the evil. We have tried Dr. Wiley's agreeable remedy, and pronounce it the best, in the several meanings of the word, that has ever come under our notice.

Sold by R. J. TAYLOR.

Newport, Jan. 13, 1849.

HOUSES FOR SALE OR TO LET

THE two-story house at the corner of Spring and John street, lately occupied by Christopher J. Bliven.

Also the first two-story house above, on John street. Both houses are nearly new, and in good order, if sold the terms will be made easy to the purchaser. Apply to

J. M. HAMMETT,

At the "Long Room," 133 Thames st.

March 15, 1848.—4f.

Smoke

House.

THE Subscribers have in the rear of their Store, No. 100 Thames street, a large and commodious Brick Smoke House. Persons wishing to have their Hams smoked in good style, will please send them to JOHN W. DAVIS & SON.

Newport, Nov. 18.

JAMES HAMMOND

WILL SELL AT AUCTION PRICES, (not less), for Cash, his present stock of Dry Goods, Books and Paper Hangings.

Feb. 10.] WM. C. COZZENS & CO.

REMOVAL.

A. ARNOLD & CO.

Importers, Jobbers and Retailers,

HAVE REMOVED TO THEIR NEW STORE,

NO. 50 CANAL STREET,

NEW YORK.

One door east of the stand they have so long occupied.

IN anticipation of this removal an extensive stock of RICH & FASHIONABLE GOODS, suitable to the season, have been selected in Europe by a partner of the house, a large portion of which are now in store, and others daily arriving.

SILKS.

Superb Paris Styles in all the new designs of the season. 3-4 and 4-4 changeable and black Satin de Chine, 4-4 changeable Gros d'Egypte, 3-4 and 4-4 changeable Poul de Soie, 3-4 and 4-4 black-watered silks, Pompadour and other rich styles for evening and soires, Marcellines, Satines, and Millinery Silks.

ALSO,

Ladies' Gentlemen's, and Children's Hosiery of every description; Cotton, Merino, and Lambs wool Undervests and Pants; Welsh, unshrunk and domestic Flannels; Bath and Whiting; Blankets; colored and white Counterpanes and Quilts; 4-4 Linens, Cotton and Linen Sheetings, Diapers and Damask Table Linen, Napkins, and Doily Towellings, together with a general assortment of housekeeping articles.

ALSO,

Laces, Embroideries, Lace Veils, Gloves, Embroidered Crapes, Robes, Evening Dress Goods, and Fancy Articles.

ALSO,

French and British Cashmeres and Delaines, in small medium and bold designs, Plain, Plaid, and Striped Madonnas, Raw Silks, Arago, Gava, and other Plaids, Victoria, Cashmeres, Merinos, Tibets, Cloakings, French and English Ginghams.

ALSO,

French Cashmere long and square Shawls, Rob Roy (Clan patterns), long, square, and misses sizes rich printed Turkish Shawls, Embroidered Cashmere Robes, Visettes, Mantillas, and Cloaks of the newest Paris shapes, colored and black Velvets, from half a yard to two yards wide.

N. B.—Family Mourning of every description constantly on hand, for which a separate department has been provided.

No abatement made in this Establishment from the price asked.

Sept. 23.

Executor's Notice.

THE subscribers hereby give public notice that they have been appointed Executors of the last will and testament of

CLARKE CHASE,

late of Portsmouth, dec., and having accepted a said trust and qualified themselves according to law.—They therefore request all the debtors and creditors of said estate, to make settlement with them without delay.

BORDEN CHASE, } Executors

PHILIP B. CHASE, }

Portsmouth, Dec. 30, 1848.

Charles Devens, Jr.

COAL DEALER,

DEVENS' WHARF.

Red Ash and Orrial COAL of the best quality constantly on hand, and for sale as low as can be bought in Newport.

Administrator's Notice.

THE subscriber having been appointed Administrator on the estate of

SARAH L. TILLEY,

late of Newport, dec., requests all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having demands to present them for settlement.

GEORGE W. TILLEY, Adm'r.

Newport, January 27, 1849.

Something New,

AT THE PARK SALOON.

New Shellbacks, New Confectionary,

" Chestnuts, " Lemons,

" Almonds, " Raisins,